

# Dino Bytes 2023-2024

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## NEWSLETTER

### PLEASE READ IMPORTANT LUNCH INFORMATION

Lunch orders are **closed** for  
the week of Nov 27th-1st

You must submit your order  
for the week of

Dec 4th-8th by 3pm

**Friday Dec 1st!**

THANK YOU



11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving break!

12/5 - 6pm Board Meeting- Board room-1422 S  
Tech Lane, Meridian

12/12 - PTA meeting @ 5:30 at Latte Da in  
Kuna

**Thursdays** - Domino's dough night- PTA gets a  
portion of all profits made on the 3rd Thursday  
of every month. Sounds like a great night for  
PIZZA-KUNA LOCATION





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## SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

Brown Bus is currently looking for drivers for PiSTEM. Please go to their website and apply:

<http://www.brownbuscompany.com/>



## Bus routes

Please go to Brown Bus website if you have any question or need to find your stop.

## SCHOOL TIMES

**Start: 8:15a-** Classes start at 8:15a. Please make sure your student is in the school and ready to start their day at 8am..

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

**8:15a - 3:15p**

Wednesday - Early release day

**8:15a - 1:45p**

## LUNCH

**Milk is available..** It is .50 per carton of chocolate milk. You can send a check or pay through PayPort on our website (pistem.org). **ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 3PM ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE WEEK YOU WANT LUNCH.** Please remember to send a lunch with your student, with the appropriate **fork or spoon**. Thank you





# A MESSAGE FROM OUR TEACHERS!

## Message from Admin: Empowering Parents Grant has opened!



### Who is Eligible to Apply?

Idaho students K-12 are eligible regardless of whether they attend a public school, private school, or are home schooled.

### What do Parents Need to Complete the Application?

- One of the following documents: US passport, government-issued State ID, driver's license, or Green Card.
- For child verification provide one of the following options: birth certificate, US passport, government-issued State ID, 1040 Federal Tax Return, or driver's license.

### How are Awards Prioritized?

First to households with an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) at or below \$60,000 per year. Then the AGI limit will be expanded to households earning up to \$75,000 per year, if there are any grant funds still available, the program will be available to all other eligible students on a first come first serve basis.

**Link:** <https://empoweringparents.idaho.gov/>

## Primary 1-3

Mrs. Sparkman

Mrs. Sparkman is asking for any donations of gently used stuffed animals, toys and Pokemon cards for the class store. If you have any donations feel free to reach out on Class Dojo and drop donations at the front desk

## Elementary 4-6

The 4-6th team is requesting donations of pencils. Please remind your students to bring water bottles and outer wear as we head into the colder months.

### Students of the Month September:

K- Ava Amatangelo  
1st- Ellie Beaver  
2nd- ReElle Zobell  
3rd- Jett Langston  
4th-Delaney Leath  
5th-Janie Clark  
6th-Kalliope Jensen  
7th- Lily W  
8th- Alyse R  
9th- Nevaeh C  
10th- Isabella H  
11th- Jay L  
12th- Jocelyn A

### Students of the Month October:

K- Lazarus Vazquez  
1st- Scout Langston  
2nd- Andrew Tipps  
3rd- Calan Salazar  
4th- Mason York  
5th-Micah Peterson  
6th- Harrison Wesley  
7th- Marcus H  
8th-Isaiah L  
9th- Layla W  
10th- Olivia M  
11th-Mallow W  
12th- Reagan S



# VETERANS DAY

## HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

How Did Project Impact Stem Academy Celebrate Veterans Day?

Written by L. Walker.

On November 10th PISTEM Academy celebrated Veterans Day excitedly. Parents, students, and staff filled the P.E. room, all collecting together to celebrate the national holiday. Students found their spots, standing together in unity to recite the pledge of allegiance and listen to the national anthem, the Star Spangled Banner, before sitting down and waiting for the

Students Of The Month and Teachers Of The Month to be announced for September and October. One by one, two students for each grade were applauded and celebrated for their hard work, representing their classmates for Primary, Elementary, and Secondary with a smile. After this, the two teachers for Teacher of The Month were announced, the Elementary ELA teacher, Mrs. Fears, and a Secondary Math teacher, Mr. Dedrick, were applauded for their hard work at PISTEM. After the applause faded, a short film made to educate on the origins of Veterans Day was played as the lights faded out. The short film contained information about how Veterans Day came to be, why people celebrate it, and the people who work hard for the country. Soon after the video finished, slowly, each veteran made their way to the front, celebrated for their extended hard work for the country, thanked for community service, and for coming out to celebrate with PISTEM. Two of PISTEM's staff were included in the applause, Mr. Goodwin, the school janitor, and Mrs. Gogan, the head para. Each met with appreciative support for the school, and for the country. Finally, a group of students gathered around the podium and began to sing an alternative national anthem, "This Land is Your Land," each student singing outstandingly and closing the assembly with a final applause as the Veterans stepped out of the room and made their exit. PISTEM celebrated Veterans Day with a large worthwhile assembly, celebrating the country and the troops, appreciating their hard work as well as their students and staff, together.





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## Open Positions at PiSTEM

### Substitute Teacher Paraprofessionals

Please contact Dr. Hettinger at:  
[jhettinger@pistem.org](mailto:jhettinger@pistem.org)  
if you are interested in applying



**Enroll Now**  
2023-24  
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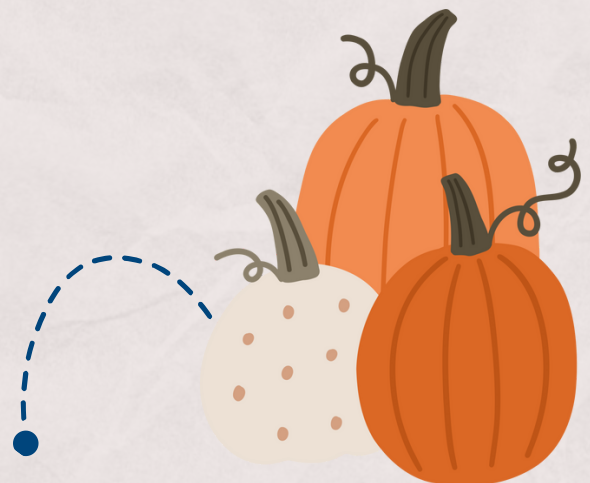
**Project Impact  
STEM Academy**  
K-12 Public Charter School  
South Meridian, Idaho

STEM  
COGNIA  
CERTIFIED

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE LOOKING TO ENROLL IN PROJECT IMPACT STEM ACADEMY, WE HAVE A FEW SEATS OPEN . GO TO OUR WEBSITE: PISTEM.ORG, AND HAVE THEM FILL OUT THE POST-LOTTERY APPLICATION

### Project Impact STEM Academy's Mission Statement

Project Impact STEM Academy will provide an **engaging**, **adaptive learning environment** through the use of **personalized** learning plans, **intentionally** integrated curriculum, mastery-based **progression**, and **authentic** projects embedded in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. In this environment, students will **gain confidence**, practice failure until it is no longer intimidating, and become invested in the **life-long** pursuit of **knowledge**.





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## PiSTEM LUNCH ORDER FORM

2023 Oct 30 - Dec 15

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

- Monday** Dominos - **WK1** 10" Pepperoni Pizza **WK2** - Chicken Alfredo Pasta
- Tuesday** Panda Express - **WK1:** orange chicken/chow mein, **WK2:** black pepper Steak/rice - Kids or Bowl
- Thursday** Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - one size
- Friday** Cafe Rio - **WK1:** shredded beef quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice, **WK2:** chicken quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- **Regular or Double**
- Milk** chocolate

All orders are due  
**the FRIDAY BEFORE THE LUNCH WEEK - BEFORE 3PM**  
**- NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**It is too hard to try to accommodate any late orders. Sorry.**

This is a list of the week and meal availability. Please place orders online (pistem.org - Parent Payment Portal on the home page)

	Regular	Meal, Bowl or Double	Milk \$ 0.50	Total
Monday 10/30/23 Dominos - 10" Pepperoni Pizza \$6.00				
Tuesday 10/31/23 Panda- Orange Chicken/Chow Mein - Small \$4.65 Large \$5.65				
Thursday 11/2/23 Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10				
Cafe Rio- Shredded Beef Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- <b>Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00</b>				
Friday 11/3/23 \$6.00				
Monday 11/6/23 Dominos - Chicken Alfredo Pasta \$6.00				
Tuesday 11/7/23 Panda-Black Pepper Steak/Fried Rice - Small \$4.65 Large \$5.65				
Thursday 11/9/23 Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10				
Friday 11/10/23 Cafe Rio- Chicken Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- <b>Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00</b>				
Monday 11/13/23 Dominos - 10" Pepperoni Pizza \$6.00				
Tuesday 11/14/23 Panda- Orange Chicken/Chow Mein - Small \$4.65 Large \$5.65				
Thursday 11/16/23 Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10				
Cafe Rio- Shredded Beef Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- <b>Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00</b>				
Friday 11/17/23 \$6.00				

**Thanksgiving Break**  
**November 20th - 24th**  
**NO SCHOOL - NO LUNCHES**

Monday 11/27/23 Dominos - Chicken Alfredo Pasta \$6.00				
Tuesday 11/28/23 Panda-Black Pepper Steak/Fried Rice - Small \$4.65 Large \$5.65				
Thursday 11/30/23 Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10				
Friday 12/1/23 Cafe Rio- Chicken Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- <b>Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00</b>				
Monday 12/4/23 Dominos - 10" Pepperoni Pizza \$6.00				
Tuesday 12/5/23 Panda- Orange Chicken/Chow Mein - Small \$4.65 Large \$5.65				
Thursday 12/7/23 Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10				
Cafe Rio- Shredded Beef Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- <b>Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00</b>				
Friday 12/8/23 \$6.00				
Monday 12/11/23 Dominos - Chicken Alfredo Pasta \$6.00				
Tuesday 12/12/23 Panda-Black Pepper Steak/Fried Rice - Small \$4.65 Large \$5.65				
Thursday 12/14/23 Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10				
Friday 12/15/23 Cafe Rio- Chicken Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- <b>Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00</b>				







EDUCATIONAL  
TOURS

# Will you join us?



**We're heading to learn about  
Conservation in Costa Rica!**

## Interested?

Check out our tour enrollment page (a.k.a. home base) to enroll or to find even more information like our detailed itinerary, everything that's included, FAQs and more:

[www.eftours.com/2701933VT](http://www.eftours.com/2701933VT)

Or use your smartphone to scan the  
QR code:



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